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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7549  
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
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TAGS: EAIR, FR  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA'S PROBLEMS IN FRANCE

REF: PARIS 04834, STATE 36028

1. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) TOLD CIVIL AIR ATTACHE FEBRUARY 24 FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS BEING INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE STATE DEPARTMENT GOF WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND TWA'S GENEVA-NICE BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS IF USG WOULD GRANT AIR FRANCE SIMILAR RIGHTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MEXICO.

2. SHE ALSO ADVISED US THE TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS BETWEEN PARIS AND CAIRO, ROME AND TEL AVIV HAVE BECOME TOO IMPORTANT AND ARE CUTTING INTO AIR FRANCE'S THIRD/FORTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS INVOLVING THOSE POINTS. IN THE FRENCH VIEW TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM FLIGHTS DO NOT CONFORM TO SECTION IV, PARAGRAPHS B AND D, OF THE ANNEX TO THE 1946 AGREEMENT. ISSUE  
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HAS ARISEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SCHEDULES TWA FILED JANUARY 26 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1. FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINTON WILL ASK USG TO OBTAIN FROM TWA STATISTICAL DATA RE THESE OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD SINCE APRIL 1977 AND FORECASTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1978.

COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THE VALUE OF WASHINGTON-MEXICO BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS FOR AIR FRANCE IS CONSIDERABLY IN EXCESS OF THE VALUE OF TWA'S GENEVA-NICE RIGHTS, BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR OVERTURE AND THUS A BASIS FOR BARGAINING. HOWEVER, THE QUESTIONING OF TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS BEYOND PARIS MAY BE THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ISSUE AND PROBABLY REPRESENTS A DELIBERATE FRENCH EFFORT TO UNDERCUT ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL BASES OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR OPERATIONS IN EUROPE. WE WERE UNABLE TO GET FROM CLAUDE-LA-FONTAINE A DETAILED SCENARIO OF HOW THE GOF PLANS TO ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE FIFTH FREEDOM QUESTION, BUT WE SUSPECT DGAC APPROVAL OF TWA'S SUMMER SCHEDULES (AT LEAST BEYOND PARIS) MAY BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF THE STATISTICAL DATA AND DISCUSSION WITH THE USG. THUS THE FRENCH MAY PRECIPITATE OVERALL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US FASTER THAN WE MAY HAVE WISHED.

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